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## THE Newport Mercury,

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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1859, and is now in its thirty-third year. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States, and with few exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large weekly of affairs, containing full and interesting news, local and general, and is published at a low price. It is a valuable household department, reaching so many households in this and other States, the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

## Local Matters.

### The Manufacturing Company.

On Thursday noon the trustees of the Newport Manufacturing Company sold the company's property on Marlborough street at auction. There was a large attendance of Newport's business and moneyed men, besides many others attracted thither by curiosity. Promptly at 12 o'clock Auctioneer Burleigh announced the sale and conditions. The conditions were 5 per cent. cash and the balance on delivery of the deed in 30 days. The foundry and machine shop, with the steam engine, boiler, furnace, a Blake pump, the heating and lighting apparatus, shafting and main belt, and 40,000 feet of land were first offered. The trustees started the bidding at \$15,000. After an outcrious auction, a bid of \$15,000 was obtained, and from that point the bidding went on in advance of \$25 until \$18,000 was reached, when it was struck off to George H. Norman. These were no bids from outside parties, and only one person bid against Mr. Norman. The building cost \$20,000, an offer of \$3500 had been made for the machinery, and the land at 20 cents a foot amounts to about \$13,000. The price obtained is therefore not exorbitant. The dwelling-house at the corner of Thames and Marlborough streets with 5000 feet of land was then sold to Harwood B. Reed for \$5,250, the trustees starting the bidding at \$5,000. This sale closed out the property of the Newport Manufacturing Company.

What disposal or use of the property will be made by Mr. Norman has not yet transpired. Its adaptation to the use of a horse railroad depot and stable is apparent. Who will build the horse railroad?

### An Unfortunate Accident.

A few evenings since, a young daughter of Mr. J. E. Chamberlain, recently editor of the Daily News, suffered a very painful accident at her parents' residence on Washington street. She was cutting the leaves of a magazine, with a paper knife and as she held the paper under at her lips, she was accidentally pushed. The knife was driven violently down her throat, and inflicted a deep cut in the region of the palate. A physician was called but was unable to sew up the cut that day, owing to the swelling. The next day he succeeded, however, and the little sufferer is doing as well as can be hoped. She is eight years of age, and gave promise of being a fine singer. By this accident, it is feared that the musical quality of her voice is surely destroyed, even if she does not lose the power of speech entirely.

### The Royal Arcanum.

Coronet Council, Royal Arcanum, proposed to celebrate its fourth anniversary last evening with a very pleasant entertainment in Old Fellows Hall. Addresses were expected from Regent Thos. F. Peckham, ex-Gov. Van Zandt, and by two prominent members of the order from away. The Schumann Quartette sang five selections, and a musical solo during the evening and for the dancing that followed the supper, was furnished by the New Hampshire band. Four hundred invitations were issued. The council now numbers nearly 160 members, although it has been organized here but four years.

The Fall River Herald says that "there is more visible rowdiness and drunkenness in Newport than in Fall River." It should have remarked that the vivid imagination of Newport correspondents and reporters is stronger than that of Fall River's newspaper men. And if Newport drunkenness is only skin deep, it isn't very alarming after all.

On Wednesday Governor Littlefield announced to the Senate the nomination of Henry E. Turner, M. D., of this city, to be a member of the State Board of Health, in place of the late Dr. David King. The appointment is an excellent one.

We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of a copy of "European Breeze," by Mrs. Marie J. Pitman (Margery Deane), of this city, and published by Lee & Shepard, of Boston.

We are informed by Mr. John E. Seabury that the sale of the Wheeler property on Broadway has not been consummated, and that the fee estate is still in the market.

On Thursday the trustees of the Island Cemetery Association organized by the election of Henry Bull, President, and Henry C. Siereas, Secretary and Treasurer.

In the Supreme Court this week, Patrick D. Sullivan, William Wallcut, Hugh Cane, Robert J. Sweeney and Richard Wright were naturalized.

Rev. D. H. Greer, D. D., of Grace church, Providence, will preach at Kay chapel on Wednesday evening next.

It is expected that the Newport Omnibus Co. will begin the Thames-trail line of omnibuses on Monday next.

James Gordon Bennett has sold his steam yacht Polynia to Wm. P. Douglas, of New York.

## THE LITTLEFIELD FUND.

A decree entered in the Supreme Court this week transferring the Martha Littlefield Fund to the Newport Hospital.

The long pending matter of the disposition of the Martha Littlefield Hospital Fund was settled by the entry of a final decree in the Supreme Court this week. It will be remembered that Mrs. Littlefield, to carry out a long cherished plan of her own and husband, left by her will a fund for the establishment of a marine hospital on Conan's Harbor Island, for the benefit of seamen and sea-faring men. The sum of \$10,000 was to be devoted to the erection of the building. The City Council of Newport was entrusted with the management of the fund, it was seen that to carry out Mrs. Littlefield's plan, the fund was wholly inadequate, and that it would be necessary to delay the consummation of the plan a long term of years, until there was a sufficient accumulation of interest. It was also agreed that some hospitals were much inferior to those of wood, as it has been found that stone hospitals are more permanent and are accordingly more desirable.

Meanwhile the trustees of the Newport Hospital made application for the fund, and a friendly suit was entered in the Supreme Court, brought in the name of the Attorney General against the City of Newport, to ascertain if the court would so far modify the will, as to transfer the fund to the Newport Hospital and permit the spending of the building fund in the erection of a wooden instead of a stone building. The matter was referred to Francis B. Peckham, Jr., Esq., as master, and his report recommended the change.

The court has accordingly decreed that this fund amounting on June 4, 1881, to \$33,728.29, be transferred to the trustees of the Newport Hospital as trustees. The decree provides that the fund shall be kept separate from the other funds of the hospital, and that the building bequest of \$10,000 shall be expended in the erection of a separate ward, to be known as the "William and Martha Littlefield Marine Hospital." The plan submitted by the master contemplates the building of an addition at the east of the hospital, measuring about 27 1/2 feet, one story high, with all the necessary plumbing, drainage, and heating apparatus. The ward will accommodate 12 patients. The Littlefield fund will be used to proportionately share of the general expenses of the hospital, and will be received, in accordance with Mrs. Littlefield's will, and other sea-faring men who are proper subjects for hospital treatment.

This disposition of the bequest, we take it, is very generally satisfactory to our citizens. It will give the usefulness of the hospital, and also the increased accommodations it needs. And at the same time the real purpose of the bequest will be far more effectually accomplished than by the original provision of the will.

The fund is now safely invested as follows: The income of the fund increasing the total to nearly \$30,000:

Deposits in Savings Bank, Newport.	\$12,028.29
20 shares First National Bank, Newport.	2,000.00
40 shares U. S. Union Bank, Newport.	4,000.00
1000 shares N. E. Commercial Bank, Newport.	5,000.00
70 shares National Ex. Bank, Newport.	3,500.00
60 shares Aquidneck Nat'l Bank, Newport.	3,200.00
40 shares American Exchange Bank, New York.	4,000.00
	\$33,728.29

## The Old Colony Steamers.

The steamer Bristol will go on the line between Fall River and New York to-night, leaving for New York, and the Providence will follow on Monday night. The Old Colony and Newport will be held up for spring repairs. The Old Colony Steamboat Company propose to run the Newport line this season between this port and New York, and the Newport and Old Colony will be repaired in time to commence their trips on the line in June.

The Bristol and Providence have been refitted at great expense for the spring and summer travel. Rich and costly carpets have taken the place of the old ones and the decorations of the saloons and staterooms are elaborate and tasteful. Added to these luxuries are the comfortable and cozy furniture which is also found in every part of the boats, the more essential portions of these palaces, such as boilers, engines, hulls, etc., have been completely overhauled, and all that careful supervision could effect has been attended to for the safety, comfort and convenience of patrons.

## First M. E. Church.

L. D. Davis was moderator and T. T. Pitman, clerk of the annual meeting of the First M. E. church and congregation in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening. John C. Braman, Jas. L. Weaver, Geo. H. Wilson, Wm. S. Bacheller, Benj. F. Downing, Wm. P. Peckham and Wm. R. Pitman were elected trustees. J. L. Weaver, Jas. G. Topham, John C. Stoddard, Wm. S. Bacheller and Thos. W. F. Seaborn were appointed a committee to raze the pews of the church. T. T. Pitman was re-elected steward and John W. Bacheller, junior.

It is to be regretted that it was found necessary to cut down another of the handsome old trees on the Mall this week, but the tree was nearly dead with no prospect of recovery. An end was accordingly put to its sufferings.

Adjutant General Dyer will pay his first official visit of inspection to the 24th Battalion of the State militia, on Tuesday evening next.

Anderson & McLean are building on Cranston avenue for Mrs. J. Amory DeBlas a handsome two story house with gambrel roof. The building is raised and enclosed.

Mrs. Henry Lyford went to New York Wednesday on route for Point Comfort, Virginia, where she proposes to remain six weeks.

## MISS WAYLAND'S READINGS.

Her acceptance of an invitation to appear a second time before a Newport Audience.

The following correspondence explains itself:

Miss Charlotte M. Wayland: We, the undersigned, residents of Newport, take pleasure in asking you to repeat at such a time as may suit your convenience, the most excellent entertainment which delighted the large audience assembled in the Opera House a few evenings since. Your marked talents, remarkable in one so young, fully justify the high acclamations showered upon you by all who had the pleasure to be present at your debut as a public reader. We trust that the people of Newport may again have the opportunity to listen to your readings in response to this request.

Ex-Gov. Van Zandt, Mayor R. P. Blouin, Capt. T. O. Selfridge, Rev. U. T. Brooks, John P. Sanborn, L. D. Davis, L. Com. Caldwell, "Bradford," J. G. Weaver, Col. John H. Fowler, Dr. W. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, Mrs. John Rigdon.

No. 4 THAMHORN PLACED. Mr. J. P. Sanborn—Dear Sir: Please tender my sincere thanks to the citizens of Newport for the honor which they have conferred upon me. I do not think that words can in any measure express my heartfelt gratitude. I will make a second reading, April 11, at the date to accept of the public invitation.

Yours respectfully,

C. M. WAYLAND.

Boston, March 21, 1882.

In accordance with Miss Wayland's suggestion, the readings will occur at the Opera House on the evening of Tuesday, April 11.

## Death of Miss Ida E. Essex.

Miss Ida E. Essex, daughter of James J. and Martha A. Essex, died very suddenly at her father's residence, 230 Thames street, on Monday. She had been ill for some time, but her sickness became serious only a few days before her death. Her many friends deeply lament her untimely demise. The funeral will be solemnized at noon to day from her father's residence. A correspondent writes of Miss Essex: "Her uniform quiet disposition, and her unassuming manners seemed to win for her a place in the affection of all who knew her. She was a loving and devoted daughter and sister, as was manifested by her many acts of self-denial in the interest of her relatives. Her many ministrations of sympathy and kindness to the sick and the afflicted will long be remembered by many who survive her."

## The Democrats in Caucus.

Lewis Brown was chairman and A. P. Sleson, secretary of the Democratic caucus at the State House on Monday evening. John Waters, Wm. M. Austin, George P. Leonard, Patrick H. Hogan, Henry D. DeBlas and Daniel Galvin were elected delegates to Thursday's convention in Providence. The following city committee was elected, to act with the two members of the State Central committee: First Ward, Daniel J. Moriarty; Second Ward, George P. Leonard; Third Ward, John H. Crowley, Jr.; Fourth Ward, A. P. Sleson; Fifth Ward, Wm. M. Austin.

## Those Useful Hydrants.

On Monday afternoon fire was discovered in the loft of John Lyons' stable on Baileys' wharf. An alarm was struck from Box 31, and Nos. 1, 7 and 8 responded with hose. One stream from a hydrant was speedily on the fire, which was extinguished with little damage to the building. About one quarter of a ton of hay in the loft, a well owned by Patsy Shea and some bedding were burned. The building was insured for \$300 through T. D. Davis' agency. Two small boys were in the building just before the fire was seen, and it is supposed they set fire to it through carelessness with matches.

## Newporters Abroad.

On Wednesday evening a large number of Newporters were present at the inspection of the Light Infantry Regiment, Providence. The visitors were Col. Wm. J. Corzons, Mr. R. B. H. Sherman, and Lieut. Col. Geo. H. Vaughan, Major J. W. Horton, Adjutant Henry T. Easton, Quartermaster R. C. Cutrell, Paymaster Edward T. Roworth, Assistant Commissary Wm. S. Bryer, Quartermaster Sergeant Henry C. Stevens, Ordnance Sergeant Thos. H. Lawton and Privates J. D. Richardson, Jr., Herbert Bliss and Max Muenchinger, of the Newport Artillery.

## A Souvenir for France.

There was on exhibition at the Newport Artillery armory Tuesday evening, the picture of four members of the company taken by request of the French delegation to Yorktown. The photograph was taken and ordered by Norman in the highest style of the art. The group comprises Col. George R. Peckham, Adjutant Henry T. Easton, First Sergeant Geo. C. Shaw, and Private (Glen) Davis. The picture is to be forwarded at once to France.

## In Memoriam.

Died, at Providence, 331 Indian, John Winton Lyman, a native of Newport, and son of Hon. Daniel and Mary (Winton) Lyman, born May 10, 1833, and was the oldest member of the Society of the Cincinnati in Rhode Island, and probably the oldest in the United States. He was the only survivor of the 3d generation. His mother was daughter of John G. Winton and granddaughter of Governor Gideon Winton, of Newport.

H. E. T.

## Notice to the Farmers.

Under this heading, Geo. A. Weaver, in our advertising columns, calls attention to his large stock of agricultural implements, seeds and fertilizers at 19 Broadway. He is prepared to execute all orders for these goods, which he warrants of satisfactory quality, and his prices are equally satisfactory.

We call attention to the unique advertisement of the Household in another column.

## SUPREME COURT.

Business of the March Term—The Week's Work—Judgments Rendered Against Wm. H. Durfee.

Chief Justice Durfee and Associate Justice Manton opened the March term of the Supreme Court for Newport county on Monday. After the docket was called, business was had on motions for a rehearing in the equity cases of Mary A. King and others, executors and trustees, vs. Geo. Gordon King and others, and of Bernard McGowan vs. Mary McKoon and others.

On Tuesday after the grand jurors had retired under charge of Assistant Attorney General Col. the first petit jury was empaneled with Wm. P. Macomber, of Portsmouth, foreman, and the case of Wm. J. Swinburn vs. Wm. H. Thurston was put on for trial. R. H. Hovey for plaintiff, and F. B. Peckham, Jr., for defendant. The action was over a disputed book account. The case occupied the entire day, and a part of Wednesday. The jury gave a verdict of \$381.12 for plaintiff.

The following are the week's entries: Continence—Leop. P. Hazard and others vs. Thos. D. Durant and others, Nos. 1 and 2, Edward Engle vs. Job A. Peckham and others, John A. Hazard vs. Town of Middle town and its inhabitants, Western Savings Bank vs. L. I. Iron and Steel Co. and others, Edward Fennell vs. Daniel Chase and wife, Appis, John A. O. Story, Appt. vs. Fran. J. Lewis, John H. Williams vs. Marine Gunco and Oil Co., Joseph Bradford and others vs. Wm. J. Swinburn, Richard Lawton, Appt. vs. Thos. H. Hazard and others, John A. Hazard, Appt. vs. Wm. Cook Hazard, G. O. and W. J. Munro vs. Aquidneck National Bank, Appt. Wm. O. Greene vs. Jos. P. Barker, Nicholas Littlefield vs. Walter R. Hunt, John Congdon vs. Jacob Wm. Hazard, Fred. S. Hazard vs. Thos. Nelson Davis, Isaac D. Manchester and others, Appt. vs. Tiverton Court of Probate, Alfred Smith and others vs. Truman Spooner and others.

Wm. Beach Lawrence vs. Richard M. Beach, dissolved for want of prosecution. Peter Knows vs. Anna Pell, a final decree entered on payment of \$220.73 by defendant.

David Coggeshall vs. John N. A. Griswold and others, heard. Henry Hazz and others, discontinued, no merits. Samuel F. Engle and others vs. Samuel Engle, R. H. and others, continued until.

Samuel S. H. Hursey vs. Chas. E. Hazard, no merits, trial denied, and judgment on verdict returned, no costs.

Hannah B. Manchester vs. Geo. F. Manchester, decree entered allowing two yokes of oxen to be sold.

Nancy Hazard, Appt. vs. Newport Court of Probate, no merits, decree entered. Elizabeth Forrester and wife vs. Albert G. Thorpe, Appt. set down for May 1.

J. Manchester Haynes vs. Isaac Clarke, set down for 24 cases at adjourned term.

John E. Dowling vs. Isaac Clarke, Appt., heard.

Charlotte C. Douglas, Appt. vs. Portsmouth Court of Probate, discontinued.

Mary S. Flagg vs. Cliff Cottage Association, plaintiff to give surety for costs.

Nelson Howard & Co. vs. John Pulis, settled.

Attorney General vs. City Council of Newport and others, a final decree was entered.

Thos. Enos vs. Peter Cook, discontinued.

John H. Williams vs. Marine Gunco and Oil Co., discontinued.

Richard Lawton, Appt. vs. Frow B. Garrott and others, discontinued.

Nicholas Underwood vs. Alexander Mcintosh, judgment of \$293.80 for plaintiff.

Robert S. Greenough vs. John LeFarge, judgment of \$451.75 and costs for plaintiff.

Edwin E. S. Aker vs. Charles E. White, judgment continued.

On Wednesday morning the grand jury, through their foreman, Edward O. Riggs, of Newport, returned indictments as follows:

Against Elizabeth Johnson, for maintaining a nuisance on Long Wharf, Newport. She was out on bail and has not yet been arraigned.

Against Jerome Cox, a Fall River youth of 18 years, for breaking into John Smith's house in Tiverton and stealing therefrom sundry articles. Cox pleaded guilty, and sentence was deferred until his counsel could appear in court, and Cox was remanded to jail.

The fourth trial of the case of Stephen H. Norman vs. Job M. Barker, resulted in a verdict for the defendant, on Thursday. This was for the recovery of a note of \$210, negotiated by Mr. Norman. Mr. Barker claimed that the note was obtained by fraud by the agent of a patent right of shears.

## THE ARTILLERY INSPECTION.

The Ancient Organization Dose Honor to Newport Artillery—Rhode Island Tuesday Evening—Adj. General Dyer Well Pleased—A Successful Occasion.

The Newport Artillery Company passed a highly commendable inspection Tuesday evening, and received the commendations of all present from the Adjutant General down to the man least versed in military matters. The command assembled with full ranks, and was formed into a battalion of three companies, Lt. Col. Vaughan commanding, in the absence of Col. Geo. R. Peckham from the city, and Adjutant Henry T. Easton. The companies were commanded as follows: 1st, Major Horton, 23 men; 2nd, Capt. Brown, 27 men; 3rd, Quartermaster Cutrell, 21 men. The Newport Band, Mr. Mathers leader, occupied the east end of the armory, and from time to time discoursed martial music, that was excellent, albeit it was at times somewhat deafening in the narrow confines of the armory.

There was an unusually large attendance of ex-officers and ex-members and invited guests. Of those present may be mentioned, Lieut. Col. H. H. Fay, Major S. B. Blouin, ex-Col. Augustus P. Sherman, ex-Lieut. Col. Thos. B. Nelson, ex-Lieut. Col. Thos. B. Burdick, ex-Quartermaster B. B. H. Sherman, ex-Sergeant Henry E. Turner, M. D., and ex-Ast. Surgeon Jas. H. Taylor, Col. John O. Seabury, of Gov. Littlefield's Staff, Col. Wm. J. Corzons, Asst. Judge Advocate General Geo. Lewis Gower, Adjutant 4th U. S. Artillery, Fort Adams, Lt. Schuchler, of the Light Infantry, Hugh J. Garrother, late 3d U. S. Infantry, Assistant Attorney General Samuel P. Colt, and Alderman Jas. B. Cutrell and Councilman Thos. D. Stoddard, Thos. P. Peckham and Nathan Barker, of the City Council. Hon. Robert S. Franklin, Collector J. H. Conzons, Sheriff Geo. F. Crandall, Hon. T. Mumford Seabury, Capt. J. O. Hubbard, and Rev. M. Van Horn. Accompanying Adjutant General Chas. R. Dennis and Lieutenant Col. S. W. Nickerson, Assistant Quartermaster General. Of the Artillery's staff there were present Com. Missary W. T. Stevens, Paymaster Edw. T. Roworth and Assistant Commissary W. S. Bryer, and of the non-commissioned staff, Quartermaster Sergeant Henry O. Stevens, Jr., and Ordnance Sergeant Thos. H. Lawton.

Adjutant General Dyer entered the armory soon after eight o'clock, and was received with the customary honors. The command was then "well and truly" inspected by the Adjutant General, and the arms were subjected to a close scrutiny by Quartermaster General Dennis. After this ordeal was over, Lieut. Col. Vaughan put the battalion through an elaborate drill as the size of the armory would admit. The "boys" were in excellent trim, and every evolution was performed in a soldierly manner. The marching evolutions were made in good order, the difficult feat of "backward march" being executed with great success. In the manual of arms the command was fully at home, and everything went off splendidly. The stacking of arms was performed with such precision as to win high praise. At the conclusion of the drill, Lt. Col. Vaughan introduced the new adjutant general to his command, who accorded him a hearty soldiers' applause. The Adjutant General, in a few words, complimented the Artillery on their "splendid order," and saying that speeches were forbidden, concluded by congratulating the State of Rhode Island on having such a command as this. This high but deserved praise received the endorsement of the auditors in hearty applause.

Next, gun No. 75 was taken on the Adj. General's selection and directed, and exhibited to all interested to gaze thereon. It was innocent of all dirt, and in thorough order. It of itself sufficiently complimented Ordnance Sergeant Lawton.

Gun detachments, under Sergeant Shaw, gave an excellent gun drill. The first eight of the detachment went through the evolutions of handling the gun, loading, firing, etc., with great proficiency and dispatch, and the second eight under Corporal Tilly repeated the good performances of the first detachment. Their success is a marked compliment to Sergeant Shaw's instruction and discipline.

## A Chance for Investment.

It has been decided to advance the price of the preferred treasury stock of the New England and Colorado, Mining, Milling and Prospecting Company from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a share to take effect on or before April 15 at noon, and it is expected that this will be followed by a further advance to \$2 a share shortly thereafter. Orders for stock which are sent prior to the 15th of April, will be filled at \$1.50 a share. This is the company whose financial agent is Hiram Blaisdell, Esq., of 48 Congress street, Boston. The company is endorsed by leading New England journals noted for their carefulness in granting guarantees, and Mr. Blaisdell enjoys the confidence of the prominent business men of Boston. He will furnish on application full particulars of the company's plans and hopes.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Isaac A. Sherman, of Middletown, has sold to John C. Peckham for \$400 a lot bounded easterly on Prescott Hill road 50 feet, and southerly on land of Wm. P. Sheffield 100 feet.

Richard Lawton has sold to Peter White for \$1, the estate bounded northerly on Lewis street 31 feet, and southerly on William street 31 feet, and easterly on land now or formerly of Nathaniel Locke.

Christian F. Dittman and wife have sold to Bridget, wife of Thos. Shay, for \$300, the estate bounded southerly on Baileys' wharf 15 feet, and easterly on land formerly of William Vernon 44 feet.

## DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Horace A. Kimball for Governor—Arnold L. Burdick, of Newport, for General Treasurer.

At the Democratic State Convention at State Hall, Providence, on Wednesday, all the towns in the State except nine were represented. The only representatives from this county were the following: Newport—John Waters, Wm. M. Austin, Geo. P. Leonard, Lewis Brown, Henry D. DeBlas, Daniel Galvin; Portsmouth—L. B. Tallman, Asa B. Cory; New Shoreham—Ray S. Littlefield, B. B. Mitchell.

Nathan T. Verry, of Woonsocket, was elected chairman. The following nominations for State officers were made by acclamation:

Governor—Horace A. Kimball, of Barrillville. Lieutenant Governor—John O. Perry, of South Kingstown. Secretary of State—Jonathan M. Wheeler, of Cranston. Attorney General—Francis L. O'Reilly, of Woonsocket. General Treasurer—Arnold L. Burdick, of Newport.

A State Central committee was elected. The members from this county are John Waters and Geo. P. Leonard, of Newport, and Asa B. Anthony, of Portsmouth.

## The Last Peck.

"'Twas noon and a woodpecker sat in his nest. For as it was Sunday he thought to take rest. His regard for that day was far greater than man's. And by staying at home he thus left in his hands."

A rough and rude hand was thrust in his retreat. Which grabbed him and then drew him out by a foot; His poor little young ones he knew they must die. And a star trickled out of the woodpecker's eye.

He pecked at his captor as he had done for bread. "'Twas in vain, and his heart felt as heavy as lead. With plunage all ruffled and wings spread His captor straightway to a third fancier fled."

"Oh oh!" quoth the "bird man," "a woodpecker, say! My goodness, to me 'tis a fortunate day. Put him into this cage, he can't get out. And very soon we will see what he's about."

The woodpecker sighed as he gazed at the wires. "That's soon and so surely hail crushed his little bird. But his heart it was strong as he thought of his young."

So to regain his freedom he quickly began. He stayed not a moment, it was peck, peck, peck. And he struggled so fiercely he near broke his neck. For forty-eight hours he maintained the strife. And then laid him down wearied out with his life.

The "bird man" perceiving that noon he would die. Thought to quiet his conscience by a dear little lie. Begged a quoth he, put him in the green field. The woodpecker gasped, tried to fly and then recoiled.

He crawled to a stump that gave food for his kind. But dim was his sight, not a bug could he find. He was dying of hunger, man could not give him aid. Though the worms of all earth were dug up with a spade.

He pecked at the earth, at the grass, at the bark. But being so weak he could not make "his mark. With his beautiful red head put under his wing. This stoical woodpecker his "death song" did sing.

"A Pecker I was, but shall never peck more. I've pecked my last peck on this life's dreary shore. May Nemesis avenge my sad fate and my wife. By uniting my captor to a 'henpecking' wife."

NOTE.—Mr. Editor: If you wonder after seeing these lines in print why you published them in your well known journal, I can easily answer that question, because of your good nature. But should you go still more deeply into the subject, and ask yourself why were they written, I can only say, "valent quantum valere potest" and can give you but four (out of fifty good reasons for their appearance in print) for lack of that most precious of all things, Time. First, because a friend of mine, a native of Exeterbury, now a resident of Fyrm, caused the death of a beautiful red headed woodpecker by confining him in a cage, and I told him that I would punish him by putting into "enduring" his cruel cruelty (although I know him to be the kindest breeder of men). Secondly, to save the lives of birds of all kinds not able to endure confinement. Fourthly, because I can truly say with my ancient friend, "Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, et magis amica veritas," yours always, Ptolemy Xerxes Epaminondas Napoleon Ahab.

## Some Technique.

The following are the registers and drawings of the new Hook & Hastings organ in Emmanuel Church:

GRAND ORGAN.

1. Op. Diapason	8 feet
2. Dulciana	8 "
3. Melodia	8 "
4. Octave	4 "
5. Twelfth	2 1/2 "
6. Fifteenth	2 "

SWELL ORGAN.

1. Viola	8 feet
2. Viol. Diapason	8 "
3. Flute Harmonique	4 "
4. Oboe	4 "
5. Bassoon	16 "

PEDAL.

Bourdon	16 feet
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COUPLERS.

Cap. Gt. to Sw.	" "
" " to Ped.	" "
" Sw. to Ped.	" "

ACCESSORIES.

Tremolo	" "
Gt. forte	" "
" piano	" "

Prices Current.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Centennial Co. in another column. This enterprising establishment furnishes excellent grades of groceries and provisions, and the list of prices given in the advertisement will enable householders to note the exceedingly low prices that characterize the Centennial. Rapid sales with small profits pay best, and this motto the Centennial aims to exemplify.

## CITY BRIEFS.

Settling of Newport and Newporters. Spring repairing everywhere makes the eye. The electric light project just now is quiet.







**for the Children**

**Daisy Dutton,**  
A maiden of four,  
Started one day

A basket of eggs,  
For mamma to make  
A beautiful, frosted,  
Birthday cake.  
Swinging the basket  
We and you

Skipping along  
 She tripped her toe.  
 Quickly the basket  
 Flew from her hand,  
 Eggs, all broken,

Daisy's brother,  
 • Seeing the wreck,  
 Cried, "Now you'll have  
 A whipping, you s'pock!"  
 "I'm not a bit  
 Afraid," laughed she,  
 "For I've a grandma  
 At home, you see!"

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**A Little Girl's Life in 1782.**

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One hundred years ago a little named Mary Butt was living with her parents at the pretty rectory of St. Ford-on-the-Terne, in England. She a bright and beautiful child, and as she grew up she became Mrs. Shaw, the writer of a great many charming stories for young people.

But nothing that she wrote is so entertaining as the story of her childhood, which, when she was an old lady, she told to please her grandchildren. You wonder how the girls who read this book would endure the discipline w

From the time she was six until she was thirteen she wore every day an iron collar around her neck, and a back

This was to make her perfectly straddle. Perhaps you may have seen her there a very stately old lady who was known to lean back in her chair.

you may be sure, to carry herself in  
way when she was a little girl.

dark, and worse than that, she generally did all my lessons standing stocks, with the collar around my neck. I never sat on a chair in my mother's house.

Her brother and herself were readers, but you can count on the fingers of one hand all the books they read. Robinson Crusoe, two sea

Fairy Tales. The Little Female Ac and Æsop's Fables formed the juvenile library. They used to Robinson Crusoe, and sent them at the bottom of the wide staircase.

n. two heads bent over the page together.  
ri Whenever they turned a leaf, they  
d. cended a step, until they reached the  
top, and then they began to go down.

Little Martin was not very per-  
ing with his Latin, so, although  
not then the fashion for girls, I  
mother decided that she should

The sister soon distanced the brother and before she was twelve her task of a morning was fifty lines of the *gita*, translated as she stood.

You will ask what sort of dress the little girl was allowed to wear one hundred years ago. In summer she wore cambric, and in winter linsey-woolsey.

lin for best. Her mother always  
ed on a pinafore, which was  
loose apron worn over everything  
and enveloping her from head to

ther the blackboard nor the Latin from the child a love of play dolls. Her special pet was a huggen doll, which she carried to the

after the grown people had decided she was too big to care for and her friend one day presented her with a gauze cap, and this was the only

I think the little girls who came out in 1882 with 1782 must be thankful that they were not born in the last century. They don't know that I am. Yet little Ma-

permitted, hours of great delight in woods and groves, and listening only to the talk of the learned & selected visitors who came to see

On one of the recent cold  
lady acquaintance of ours put

up and sat down on the edge of the bed to hear them say their prayers. When he was aged seven, got through all his prayers and cuddled up to Willie, aged five,

and Willie began to hurry, and the came faster than he could distinguish them, and the prayer ended pray the Lord my soul to keep

"There, child," said grandpa

at the mirror admitting your cheeks. Dimples are pretty enough, but they will change to one of these days." Little Ed

of a pout on her rosy lips. Silent for a moment; then too she said: "Grandma, what a splendid man must have had

ARRESTED.  
Charles A. Bailey was arrested.















## NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

## MIDDLETOWN.

**Town Business.**—In Town Council Monday last the following named matters were considered and disposed of. The committee appointed by the General Assembly to run and mark the boundary line between the City of Newport and the Town of Middletown, and to erect stone monuments thereon, as to clearly define the municipal limits of the two towns, present a communication in which they report as having completed the duty assigned them, and ask for the payment of \$14 15, that being one-half the amount of the expense of running and making said line. Councilman Felix A. Peckham was convinced from personal observation that this line had been changed, one monument in particular having been moved from its former location several feet into Middletown, and was anxious to know the reason of such a material variation. Robert S. Chase, of the committee to run the line on the part of Middletown, stated that the line was run by competent surveyors—Joseph P. Cotton for Newport, and George A. Brown for Middletown—and that according to the courses laid down on record. Councilman Nathaniel Peckham thought the committee had exceeded the powers of their appointment in undertaking to straighten this municipal line as alleged. He had particularly examined the resolution under which this committee acted, and by it they were simply authorized to make anew the line already established. It was finally voted to lay over the communication with accompanying report to the third Monday of April. William Smith, surveyor of Road District No. 4, presented an account for shovelling snow in said district, amounting to \$117, and other accounts to the amount of \$36 88 were presented, all of which were ordered to be paid from the town treasury. The account of George Coggeshall, surveyor of Road District No. 5, with the amount of road tax appropriated to said district in May, 1881, was examined, received and ordered on file. The council adjourned to meet as a Board of Canvassers on Monday, April 3, at ten o'clock, A. M.

In Court of Probate, Frederick A. Smith was appointed administrator on the estate of his deceased wife, Maria N. Smith, he giving bond to pay the debts of said deceased in the sum of \$500, with James M. Smith as surety. The first account of John Maguire, administrator "de bonis non" with the will annexed, on the estate of John C. Barker, was examined and referred back to said administrator for amendment. The petition of Sarah F. Peckham and others to grant letters of administration on the estate of Philip Peckham, to Geo. W. Peckham was received and referred with an order of notice.

## PORTSMOUTH.

**Resolutions of Respect.**—At a special meeting of the vestry of St. Mary's Parish, March 13, the following resolutions were adopted:

It having pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence to take from us by death Mr. William Hall Gifford, a member of this vestry from the first organization of St. Mary's Parish, it is hereby

Resolved, That the clerk record in the minutes of the vestry our deep sense of his great loss, together with our gratitude to God for a more noble example of true and faithful service as a vestryman of this church for twenty-four years.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of our late brother as a body on Tuesday next.

Resolved, That a copy of this record be sent to the family of Mr. Gifford.

## LITTLE COMPTON.

**Destruction of an Old Landmark.**—Workmen are engaged in tearing down the old structure called the "Anne Church" house, situated on the road leading south from the Common. It is said that the house stands or stood on what was originally a part of the Common, and that the road called "Meeting-House Lane" came straight through near this house. It was a long, low building of shod-like appearance; indeed, a part of it was originally a shed. It was converted into a residence by Wm. Brown, father of the late William Brown, of Adamsville. Mr. Brown had for several years occupied the Town House, but a sudden change in the politics of the town obliged him to seek a home elsewhere.

## TIVERTON.

**The Memorial Chapel.**—Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Cambridge Divinity School, will preach at the Memorial Chapel next Sunday afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock, and in the evening he will deliver a lecture upon St. Augustine and his times. All are invited to attend.

## NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Bristol Artillery Company (independent or so-called) did not appear on the evening of the 16th, for inspection, as ordered by the commander-in-chief, and when the inspection officers arrived at Bristol, only the major and another officer were present to be inspected. This is the second time this company has declined to obey orders from the Governor through the adjutant-general's office.

The General Assembly has re-elected Samuel P. Colt to be Assistant Attorney General. This course was necessary, as the Attorney General is absent from the State. The Assistant's present commission has expired, and the business now before the Court cannot properly be left to a new case.

Gov. Littlefield has appointed Hamner C. White, of Providence, to be Assistant Adjutant-General. Mr. White is of the firm of Gregory and White, publishers and stationers, and has had experience in military matters.

Orson E. Coleman, seventy years of age, for the past eighteen years proprietor of supplies for the Syracuse military depot, himself at his residence in Egypt, near Tiverton. He died soon after

The Hon. Zechariah Allen, one of Providence's most eminent and venerated citizens, died suddenly on Friday evening of last week. He attended Student's lectures at Infantry Hall, and felt so well that he declined to ride home with his family, preferring to walk. When he reached home, a daughter met him in the hall and asked him not to sit up and write that night, as was sometimes his wont. The old gentleman pleasantly responded that he would not, but that he would go to bed. He retired to his room, rested his head upon his hand a moment, and died without a struggle. He was in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was born in September, 1795. An ancestor on his mother's side, named Gabriel Bernon, was a Frenchman, who fled to Boston from La Rochelle in 1633, after the revocation of the edict of Nantes. He obtained a grant of 2500 acres of land at Oxford, Mass., and planted a French colony there. Mr. Allen received his education at Brown University. He was admitted to practice in the Rhode Island courts in 1815. Mr. Allen took the lead in New England in the year 1819 in planting acorns, chestnuts and locusts, for fuel and timber. He was very successful in his efforts to improve machinery. He devoted a great deal of his time to scientific and mechanical pursuits until late in life. To the last he has devoted several hours a day to books and study.

The sudden and unseasonable lighting which started this part of the country one day last month, stripped off the bark and split the solid trunk of a large oak on Governor Green's estate near East Greenwich, and ploughed two deep furrows forty feet long in the frozen ground. If the unfortunate tree only possessed the faculty which made Tennessee's talking oak famous, it might give an interesting description of how it feels to be struck by lightning, for it still lives and is likely to survive. No man ever had his trunk split by electricity and lived to recount his sensations.

The bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase land adjoining the old custom-house building on South Main and South Water streets, Providence, has passed the U. S. Senate.

In Rhode Island from 1865 to 1880, the American-born population increased 21,801 or 18.68 per cent, while foreign born increased 69,763 or 108.13 per cent.

The oldest married couple in Rhode Island is said to live in East Greenwich. They were married sixty-seven years ago.

Geo. P. Austin, a Western stone-cutter, committed suicide on Sunday. He leaves a wife but no children.

The Free Baptist Society of Olneyville is about to erect a new church on Plainfield street.

## MAINE.

Widow Hattie Sprague was killed by Chester Cunningham as she was leaving church at Cherryfield Sunday night. Jealousy was the cause.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The wife of Wm. Murphy, of East Bridgewater, gave birth, the 2d inst., to three female infants, one of whom weighed six pounds, the other two seven pounds each. Mother and children are doing well.

The City of New Bedford on her trip from New York to Fall River Saturday night saw a schooner off Huntington, having in tow a whale 80 feet long.

An odd swindle is reported from Athol, where thirty housewives have been humbugged into buying old peas, water-soaked, for the green article.

A colony of Polish Jews, refugees from Russian persecution, have located in Fall River. There are thirty-five peddlers among them.

## VERMONT.

It is estimated that \$25,000 cords of wood will be cut in Vermont this year for railroad uses. Several railroads are to change their locomotives to coal burners.

Blefish or salmon-herring, unknown until recent years, are now abundant in the waters of Lake Champlain.

## CONNECTICUT.

The State of Connecticut officials have decided upon Miami for a permanent ground for the State militia, and commissioners have been appointed by Judge Park to make appraisal of the land selected. The tract to be taken contains about seventy-five acres.

A stock exchange is to be opened at New London, April 1.

## The General Assembly.

The Senate on Wednesday passed the India Point bridge bill for a bridge over the Seekonk, and a bill restoring the mileage of witnesses to ten cents. In the House, bills relative to pawnbrokers and to appeals in criminal cases were passed. A bill was passed providing that the salary of the Trial Judge of Newport be \$1000. The Senate resolution authorizing S. Cushman Bowen to build a wharf at Tiverton, was passed in concurrence. The general water act passed the House in concurrence yesterday.

In the Senate of the General Assembly, Thursday, a bill to facilitate re-enlistments in the militia was reported and passed. In the House, the joint special committee on changes in the State constitution presented an elaborate report adverse to the calling of a convention to revise the Constitution of the State, but proposing to submit to the people an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the General Assembly to call such conventions.

Some one on Friday evening of last week broke a pane of glass in the show window of Geo. A. Weaver's apothecary, Washington on Broadway, and extracted therefrom some \$200 worth of hardware. There is no clue to the thief. Mr. Weaver proposes to put watchers on these windows.

Wednesday morning the general water act was passed.

A Chicago dispatch says reports from the winter wheat sections of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas represent the prospect as better than for years. Good progress has been made in seeding spring wheat, and, although the present cold weather has checked planting in many localities, sufficient has been done to insure a large increase in acreage in Nebraska, Dakota and Northern Minnesota. In Missouri, Southern and Central Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska the acreage of corn land broken is far in excess of any corresponding period.

J. O. Fisher's blacksmith, wheelwright and paint shop, on Railroad street, Woonsocket, was destroyed by fire Wednesday evening, involving a loss of \$6000. There was an insurance of \$1800.

## New Advertisements.

**Notice.—**Under the authority of the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Newport, will be in session on the 11th day of April, 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the City Hall, on Monday, April 3, 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Ward Committee on the Ward of Nantuxet, to be held on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1883. Witnesses my hand, WILLIAM G. STEVENS, City Clerk, Newport, March 25, 1883. 3-25

## THE CITY OF NEWPORT.

## NOTICE

## TO

## Owners of Keepers of Dogs!

PURSUANT to the requirements of Chapter 88 of the Public Statutes of Rhode Island, entitled "Of Dogs," notice as follows is hereby given to all owners or keepers of dogs in the city of Newport, of the time and place for issuing the license provided for by said chapter 88:

Every owner or keeper of a dog, of what age or color, shall appear in the month of April, and cause such dog to be registered, numbered, described and licensed, from the first day of the month of June, in the office of the City Marshal, and shall cause it to wear a collar around its neck, distinctly marked with its owner's name, and its registered number; and shall pay to the City Marshal, for each license, one dollar and fifteen cents for a male dog, and five dollars and fifteen cents for a female dog; and all licenses granted under the provisions of this chapter shall be valid in every town during the current year: Provided, however, that any owner or keeper of a dog of what age or color, who may have failed to comply with the provisions of this chapter, may do so at any time up to the 1st day of May, and pay to the City Marshal the sum of five dollars and fifteen cents for a male dog and six dollars and fifteen cents for a female dog.

Witness: WILLIAM G. STEVENS, City Marshal, Newport, R. I., March 23, 1883. 3-25

## THE CITY OF NEWPORT.

## PROPOSALS

## FOR

## Sprinkling Bellevue Avenue and Bath Road.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Committee on Streets and Highways, at the office of the City Clerk, until Saturday, April 1, 1883, at 5 o'clock, P. M., for sprinkling Bellevue Avenue and Bath Road from Bellevue Avenue to God's bathing place on "Bath Road," from the 15th day of April, 1883, to the 15th day of October, 1883.

Separate prices required for sprinkling with the City's fresh water, free from watering-cart hire, and stand pipes to be designated by the committee, and for sprinkling with CLEAR seawater to be furnished at bidder's expense. The right to reject any or all proposals reserved.

By order of Committee on Streets and Highways. WILLIAM G. STEVENS, Secretary. 3-25

Newport, March 25, 1883.

## Administratrix' Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Honorable Court of Probate of the City of Newport, in Rhode Island, the undersigned, Administratrix on the estate of George W. King, late of Newport, deceased, will sell at public auction on MONDAY, the 26th day of April, A. D. 1883, at 12 o'clock, noon (on the premises hereinafter described) all the right, title and interest of said George W. King, died seized and possessed, in and to a certain lot of land, with the buildings thereon standing, situate in said City of Newport, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Situate on land of Manuel DeMay fifty feet; Southernly on Cherry street forty feet; Westernly on land of Lydia Spencer and others fifty feet; and Northernly on other lands of said Lydia Spencer and others forty feet.

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## Weekly Almanac.

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Full Moon, 4th day, 8h. 30m. afternoon.  
New Moon, 19th day, 8h. 30m. afternoon.  
First Quarter, 10th day, 1h. 15m. morning.

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